

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

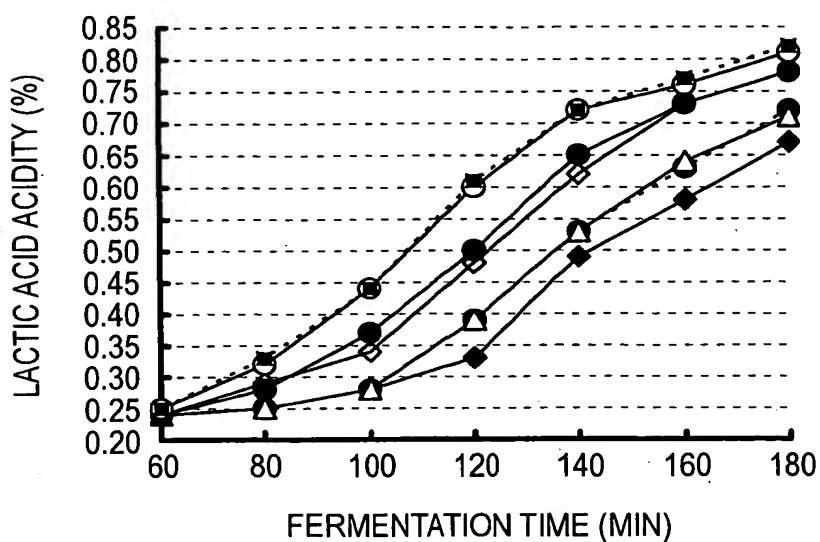
Please replace original Figures 1-2 with the formal drawings of Figures 1-2 attached hereto.

Attachment: 2 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-2)



FIG. 1

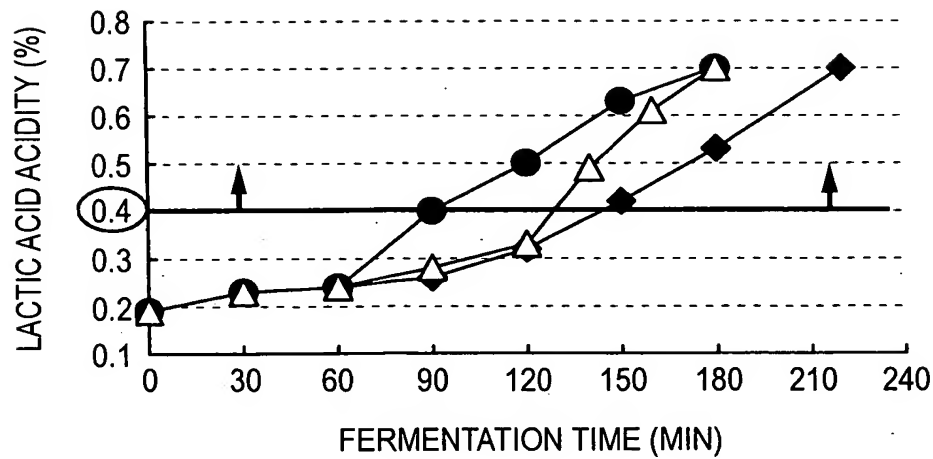
INFLUENCE OF THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN  
CONCENTRATION IN THE MIX ON THE CHANGE OF  
LACTIC ACID ACIDITY DURING FERMENTATION



DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONCENTRATION  
AT THE START OF FERMENTATION

- ◆— 8ppm (CONVENTIONAL METHOD)
- - ● - - 7ppm
- △— 6ppm
- ◇— 5ppm
- 4ppm
- 3ppm
- - ■ - - 2ppm

FIG. 2



- ◆ LOW-TEMPERATURE FERMENTATION (37°C)
- DEOXYGENATION LOW-TEMPERATURE FERMENTATION (37°C)
- △ GENERAL FERMENTATION (43°C)